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SUBJ: CU/ARTS: ALWIN NIKOLAIS DANCE THEATRE

REF: (1) STATE 249741, (2) STATE 032703

HAVE RECEIVED PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR ALWIN NIKOLAIS DANCE THEATRE PERFORMANCE AND WORKSHOP ON MAY 31 & JUNE 1 THROUGH AGENT, KAZUKO HILLYER INTERNATIONAL, INC. AGREEMENT BASICALLY ACCEPTABLE WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

ITEM 4: REFTEL STATES \$4,000 INCLUDES ALL EXPENSES. POST CANNOT ABSORB HOTEL BILLS FOR ARTISTS, AS STIPULATED IN CONTRACT, IN ADDITION TO OTHER ANTICIPATED LOCAL PRODUCTION AND PUBLICITY COSTS; THEREFORE, ARTISTS MUST PAY THEIR OWN HOTEL BILLS. HAVE OBTAINED FOLLOWING PRICE QUOTATIONS FOR HOTELS LOCATED NEAR NATIONAL THEATRE, WHERE PERFORMANCE PLANNED. ROYAL HOTEL, SINGLE \$8 NET, DOUBLE \$10 NET; MANDARIN HOTEL, SINGLE \$10.34 NET, DOUBLE \$13.30 NET; R.S. HOTEL, SINGLE \$9 NET (INCLUDING BREAKFAST), DOUBLE \$12 NET (INCLUDING BREAKFAST). RECOMMEND TROUPE SELECT EITHER ROYAL OR R.S. HOTEL TO SIMPLIFY TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE THE NUMBER OF SINGLES AND DOUBLES REQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS TRAVELING IN DANCE GROUP. POST WILL PROVIDE COURTESY SUITE AT SIAM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR MR. NIKOLAIS.

ITEM 6: USIS CANNOT ASSUME ANY TAX LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF THE ARTISTS. HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF TAX, IF ANY, ARTISTS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PAY THAI GOVERNMENT, BUT TO DATE HAVE NO SPECIFIC FIGURE. PROBLEM HAS NOT ARISEN IN PAST,
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WHEN PAYMENT MADE BY CU GRANT. HAVE BEEN INFORMED,

HOWEVER, SINCE FEE WILL NOT BE PAID FROM PROCEEDS OF TICKET SALES INCOME TAX IS NOT EXPECTED FOR THIS PERFORMANCE. WILL ADVISE FURTHER WHEN THIS CAN BE CONFIRMED.

REQUEST CU APPROACH AGENT AND OBTAIN CONTRACT CHANGES, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

POST ALSO REQUESTS CU ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. NEED SOONEST A PROGRAM OF DANCES TO BE PERFORMED IN BANGKOK. INCLUDE ANY PROGRAM NOTES, BIO SKETCHES AND PHOTOS FOR INCLUSION IN POST PRODUCED PROGRAM PLAYBILL TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT PERFORMANCE. NEED BEFORE APRIL 15.

2. ADVISE IF GROUP WILL AGREE TO VIDEO TAPE RECORDING OF SELECTIONS FROM THEIR WORKSHOP FOR USE IN USIS LIBRARY AND OTHER IN-COUNTRY USIS PROGRAMS.

3. OBTAIN PERMISSION TO TAKE STILL PHOTOS OF THE TROUPE AND INDIVIDUALS AT RECEPTION PLANNED ON THEIR BEHALF.

4. IN EVENT POST ARRANGES ROYAL COMMAND PERFORMANCE IT IS CUSTOMS THIS COUNTRY THAT IN ALL BILLING AND ADVERTISING RCP RECEIVES TOP BILLING. REQUEST CU OBTAIN ARTISTS AGREEMENT THIS ARRANGEMENT, SEE ITEM 7 IN ADDENDUM TO PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

5. CONFIRM THAT STILLS RECEIVED BY POST MAY BE USED IN ADVERTISING.

6. GIVEN COMPLEX PRODUCTION PROBLEMS SUGGEST ADVANCE-MAN PROCEED TO BANGKOK PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE TO ASSIST WITH TECHNICAL STAGING, LIGHTING, SETS, ETC. ADVISE APPROXIMATE DATE HE WILL ARRIVE.

7. WILL NEED FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE LISTING AND DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING SIZE AND WEIGHT AND DOLLAR VALUE OF ALL FREIGHT AND UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE.

8. MR. PERRY J. STIEGLITZ WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR MR. NIKOLAIS AND WILL ARRANGE CONTACT CITED REFTEL 2.
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